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1. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE THAT PARA 19 OF REF A WILL SATISFY ALLIES ON FOLLOW-ON ARRANGEMENT. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT FRG INDICATED IN THE PAST THAT THIS MATTER MAY HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED, THE FRG DID NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE AT THE JULY 18 TRILATERAL AND DID NOT MENTION IT IN THE SPC DISCUSSION JULY 24 OF THE US DRAFT OF THE SUPPLEMENT (REF A, AS AMENDED).

2. IN THE LIGHT OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE SETTLED BEFORE THE ALLIES APPROVE OPTION III, WE HOPE THAT ALLIES WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID QUESTION OF FOLLOW-ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TIME BEING. ALTHOUGH THE DRAFT LANGUAGE IN REF B DOES NOT DIRECTLY RAISE THE CONTENTIOUS QUESTIONS OF THE
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NATURE OF VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISIONS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID THESE ISSUES ONCE THE ISSUE OF FOLLOW-ON ASSUMED PROMINENCE. IN ADDITION, WHILE THE DELEGATION PROPOSES FULL PARTICIPATION FOR THE FLANK STATES, THE UK IDEAS ON THIS

SUBJECT (REF C, PARA 2, SUBPARA 5) ENVISAGE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN SIGNATORIES AND OTHERS, SO THAT THE EVER-DANGEROUS ISSUE OF THE ROLE OF THE FLANKS WOULD ARISE. FLANK SECURITY HAS NOT INTRUDED THUS FAR INTO ALLIED DISCUSSION OF OPTION III, AND WE SHOULD AVOID IF AT ALL POSSIBLE ITS INTRUSION THROUGH THE FOLLOW-ON ISSUE.

3. IN THE UNHAPPY EVENT THAT FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON THIS ISSUE CANNOT BE AVOIDED, WE BELIEVE THE DELEGATION DRAFT IN REF B IS A REASONABLE ONE. HOWEVER, WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN REVIEWING THIS DRAFT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DELETING THE REFERENCE TO VERIFICATION IN THE FIRST SECTION OF THE DELEGATION DRAFT (SINCE THE FRG HAS NOT YET AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY CONTINUING EAST-WEST VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRING NOTIFICATIONS AND WE WOULD NOT WANT TO RAISE THIS ISSUE NOW).BRUCE

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